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PROGRAM FOR FACILITATING DUBBING,
OPTICAL DISC REPRODUCING APPARATUS,
AND OPTICAL DISC REPRODUCING METHOD:

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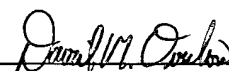
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- EP 0 788 094 corresponds to U.S. 6,185,365, U.S. 6,366,732,
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	AB	6,185,365	2/2001	Murase et al.			
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